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## Disastrous Scudding.

I shipped on a large steamboat on Belfast January, 1889, for Philadelphia and Baltimore to load grain for home. We had a favorable passage, discharged in Philadelphia and loaded in Baltimore, whence we sailed one evening in February. About three hundred miles off shore a gale struck us which lasted several days. The wind was free, being abate from the east, but it was a sea running like a mountain and it was bitter cold. One morning it was our watch on deck from 4 to 8, and my wheel from 8 to 1, I had not been there more than an hour when she shipped a sea, sending me into the lee scuppers.

At 6 P. M. I went to the wheel again, and about 7.30 she took a sea on board, smashing our lifeboats to atoms, tearing up ventilators, gangways, ladders and everything movable, washed me into the scuppers with legs and ribs fractured, and face bruised. I believe the chief officer's feet were crushed into my ribs, and it was only the new weather cloths that were bent that saved us from watery graves.

The ship was then running before the wind, with engine-rooms and stove-hole full of water. The crew was called up to secure the wreckage, and while thus engaged a sea rolled on board, carrying off four men—second officer, boatswain, carpenter and an "A. B." and then, when the damage was repaired, the ship was brought head to wind.

On my arrival home I met my parents and my wife with faces as pale as a yam. They had been told that I was one of the missing ones and I had to vow I would never go to sea again and I haven't been since. I have been in all weathers in all parts of the globe and I never experienced such a bitter night. MARINE.

## Cleared a Murder Mystery.

On the 23d of September, 1884, four companions and myself started on a pleasure trip up the Wallkill River in Orange County. It was a beautiful day for a sail, the sun being far across the horizon and the wind shifting from north to east, made our progress much easier than if we had made use of the oars.

On we sailed, enjoying the sport hugely, when to our surprise we beheld the heavens quickly covering with huge, dismal clouds. Quickly we started for the shore, but ere we had scarcely moved a boat's length we were overtaken by a thing hidden from our gaze beneath the boat.

Amazed and dumfounded we looked at each other, for at this time sparks of electricity were flying through the atmosphere. There were a prey to the storm and the fiery elements, expecting every moment to be hurled into a watery grave. What was holding us? We had asked each other. But never we heard, after which we were rescued.

## AMONG THE PLAYER FOLK.

They Comment on the Postponement of "Gabrielle Gerard."

The Jolliest and Most Genial Star to be Met.

The production of Miss Blanche Marsden's play, "Gabrielle Gerard," it was said yesterday, will be postponed for a week, for reasons that seem to be somewhat deplorable. Theodore Moss was perfectly willing that the play should be presented at Palmer's Theatre, and gave his consent, William J. Gilmore, however, whose "Sea King" is now occupying that house, is reported to have declined to admit the inroad of another company, even at a main performance. Palmer's head that while he occupied Palmer's was to occupy it exclusively. Of course he has right on his side, and Theodore Moss cannot compel him to succumb, but the proceeding was discussed yesterday in a way that Mr. Gilmore would not have appreciated. Mr. Moss has offered the Star Theatre for "Gabrielle Gerard." Rehearsals are to be begun this week under the classic surveillance of David Belasco, who comes in from the country to take charge of the piece.

"R. I. P." is the seemingly irrelevant title of a new burlesque that is to be presented in Chicago very shortly. In case of failure, the name may be appropriate.

Capt. Alfred Thompson, relieved from the duties of the Madison Square Garden, has gone to Chicago to look after "R. I. P."

"Mary Anderson," said an actress yesterday who played with Miss Anderson in London, "is the jolliest and most genial star I have ever met. People think that she is a dignified and majestic. Not a bit of it. She was more than an hour when she shipped a sea, sending me into the lee scuppers."

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